

## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 6

1. WHEREAS, Taiwan and the United States enjoy one of the most important economic and strategic international relationships that exists today; and

WHEREAS, together, Taiwan and the United States promote a shared belief in freedom, democracy, and market principles; and

WHEREAS, the level of mutual investment between Taiwan and the United States is quite high; and

WHEREAS, streamlined foreign investment procedures developed under a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would lead to further investment by firms in both Taiwan and the United States and would create new business opportunities and new jobs; and

WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would encourage greater innovations and manufacturing efficiencies by stimulating joint technological development, practical applications, and new cooperative ventures; and

WHEREAS, a recent study by the United States International Trade Commission supports the negotiation of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement; and

WHEREAS, a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement would build on the existing strong relations between Taiwan and the United States to simultaneously boost Taiwan's security and democracy and serve the broader interests of the United States in the Asia-Pacific region:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Missouri Senate, Ninety-Third General Assembly, First Regular Session, the House of Representatives concurring therein, hereby support the negotiations of a Taiwan-United States free trade agreement.

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